

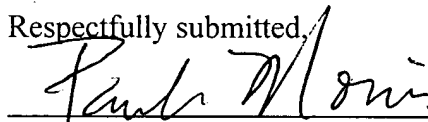
with water under the operating conditions of the phase separator are preferred. Such diluents **will attract solubilized phenol from the aqueous phase into the hydrocarbon phase.**

Specification, p. 18, ll. 5-20 (emphasis added). The change to refer to the density of the organic diluent being sufficiently less than a second density of "phenol" as opposed to being less than the density of "said phenol bottoms stream" is not believed to narrow the claim.

### **Conclusion**

For all of the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of all of the pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deposit any overpayment or to charge any underpayment of fees related to this matter to Deposit Account No. 50-0997, maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C.

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